

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, paragraph number [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This ~~continuation patent application is a continuation of prior application no. 10/420,337, pending, filed April 21, 2003, entitled OPTICAL DRIVER CONTROLLER WITH A HOST INTERFACE FOR DIRECT CONNECTION TO AN IDE/ATA DATA BUS, which is a continuation of application no. 10/082,990, now U.S. Patent No. 6,721,828 pending, filed February 25, 2002, which is a continuation of application no. 09/442,866, now U.S. Patent No. 6,546,440, filed November 18, 1999, Issued, Patent No. 6,546,440, which is a continuation of prior application no. 08/673,327, now U.S. Patent No. 6,584,527 pending, filed June 28, 1996~~²⁶, 1998, which is a continuation of ~~prior application no. 08/264,361, now U.S. Patent No. 5,581,715, filed June 22, 1994.~~